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Marijuana. The brain's natural response to pot could lead to drug that fights its effects: Study

In a joint effort, University of Toronto researchers have helped discover a human hormone that can eliminate the high caused by smoking pot.

The buzz-killing breakthrough — the result of an international collaboration — raises hopes for drugs that could control cannabis abuse and for the development of non-intoxicating compounds for medical marijuana users.

"The big deal in the paper is uncovering a whole new (brain) system that we didn't know was there," says Ruth Ross, head of pharmacology at U of T and a key study author.

In the study, Ross and her colleagues describe the previously unknown neural-braking system, which is triggered by the presence of cannabis in the brain.

The system centres on the type-1 cannabinoid receptor (CB1). This receptor, Ross says, is normally triggered by naturally occurring "cannabis-like" compounds in the brain that are involved in things like eating, memory and mood.

What her study revealed, however, was that the CB1 receptor also produces its own braking system. To help rein in the physiological effects it creates, the receptor produces a type of steroid hormone, dubbed pregnenolone, that can turn it off.

The hope, Ross says, is that this compound can be transformed into drugs that can be used to control the effects of marijuana, such as euphoria, drowsiness and appetite.

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Of mice and men

Ross cautions that the research was conducted on rodents and that the effects could differ in humans.

FISH FARMING BOOM

Jill Chen and her husband Kevin show off a tilapia fish they've raised in their basement using an aquaponics system, which also grows fresh vegetables for their dinner table. Toronto's first large-scale commercial aquaponics farm is now in the works and is expected to bring fresh, fish-fuelled veggies to Toronto markets in the new year. See story, page 4. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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eHealth workers to share $2.3M in bonuses

Employees at eHealth Ontario will share $2.3 million in performance bonuses in the wake of a court settlement that restored payouts cancelled amid controversy in 2011, Torstar News Service has learned.

A total of 704 staff at the provincial agency tasked with creating electronic health records for every Ontarian will get between $500 and $7,000 each as Premier Kathleen Wynne's minority Liberal government struggles to erase an $11.7-billion deficit.

A memo went to all 875 eHealth employees Thursday, many of them information technology experts, just in time for delivery of post-holiday credit card bills.

A copy of the memo from eHealth — the subject of a 2009 expense account scandal in which some consultants paid up to $3,000 daily charged taxpayers for tea and cookies — was obtained by Torstar.

In 2011, eHealth found itself in a bind when staffers were promised merit raises and bonuses in writing despite a government wage-freeze edict.

With the 2011 election months away, former premier Dalton McGuinty's government cancelled the merit raises and bonuses that were intended to keep eHealth's specialized workforce from being poached by high-paying information technology firms.

That prompted employees to file an $11 million class action lawsuit which they won last year.

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Click 'female' and begin: Women encouraged to get into the game

Would you rather be a cyborg or a goddess? Kara Stone and Kayte McKnight posed this question to 40 or so women recently in Toronto.

The question was not rhetorical: Projected on a screen behind Stone, 24, and McKnight, 23, a video game asked you to play as one of two characters: a cyborg or a goddess.

The two women made the point-and-click adventure in just two days as part of a workshop run by Dames Making Games, a local non-profit dedicated to getting more women involved in the world of video game creation.

"We're 50 per cent of the population, and we should be 50 per cent of the game-making demographic," Stone told Torstar News Service. "We have all of the skills to do it, it's just that people don't really want women making games, or don't think that they can."

Given the popularity of games, Stone said it's becoming increasingly important that the medium's storylines and characters represent the full breadth of human experience. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kara Stone, left, and Kayte McKnight
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Better bundle up, Toronto!

A woman is dressed up for the cold in Coronation Park on a bone-chilling Thursday. Forecasters predict the coldest temperatures of the month will peak Friday morning, and after a weekend warmup, the cold is expected to return next week. Temperatures will normalize for the rest of the month, with lows ranging from -9 C to highs of 4 C. CARLOS OSORIO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ice-storm cleanup to cost $75M

'Devastating.' City announces effort, which includes $50M to repair damage done to city's urban forest

Toronto's urban forest has never faced an assault as great as the recent ice storm, says climatologist Dave Phillips.

"No question about it. I can't think, of all the 170 years of weather observations that we have in Toronto, that I would have seen events that would have been more devastating (to trees)," said the senior climatologist for Environment Canada.

The city announced Thursday that it will spend $25 million cleaning up debris from the ice storm and an additional $50 million repairing the damage after branches and limbs were pulled down across Toronto. More than 600 city staff and contractors will be part of the two-month cleanup effort.

Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly and Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, who chairs the city's public works and infrastructure committee, were joined by Mayor Rob Ford at a press conference Thursday to announce the effort.

Mayor Ford said council will ask the province for help at a special council meeting Jan. 10. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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"I've been around Toronto looking after trees for 10 years now. It's the worst I've seen."

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From fish tank to dinner plate

Agriculture. Booming movement bringing first large-scale commercial aquaponics farm to T.O.

When Jill Chen wants fish for dinner, she walks down to her basement aquarium.

Net in hand, she approaches a 100-gallon tank — about the size of a coffee table — filled with pink-bellied tilapia. Above the fish hangs a trough filled with kale, herbs and swiss chard, which feed off the tank's nutrient-rich water and bright fluorescent bulbs.

Chen scoops up a fish, carries it to the kitchen and swiftly ends its wriggling with a wooden rolling pin. After a quick steam and a ginger garnish — voila! Dinner is served.

It may be unconventional, but urban farmers like Chen have embraced the basement tank-and-trough system, known as aquaponics. The system is a combination of aquaculture, or fish farming, and hydroponics, a soil-free greenhouse method of growing plants.

Aquaponics operates as a complete ecosystem: Farmer feeds fish, fish poop in water, effluent-rich water is pumped to vegetable roots.

"My personal opinion is that integrated farming like aquaponics has no alternative," said Nick Savidov, a researcher with the Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry. "This is the only food production system in the world that provides only food and no waste."

Toronto only has two aquaponics farms aside from hobby farms. They are set up in two high schools to teach students about farming.

But Toronto's first large-scale commercial aquaponics farm is now in the works, and it is expected to bring fresh, fish-fuelled vegetables to Toronto markets in the new year.

The 1,800-square-foot system will be built in a Downsview Park greenhouse in January, making it the biggest aquaponics system in the city.

But the fish at Downsview won't make it to dinner plates.

"Our focus is vegetable production. From a cash-flow perspective, it makes more sense," said Evan Bell, a project manager with WaterFarmers, the designing agency behind the project. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The way forward?

- The basement fish farm could be the future of farming. Aquaponics has seen a boom in the last decade, particularly in arid climates in India and the Middle East. Australia is currently the global leader in aquaponics with an estimated 7,000 operations.
- In Canada, the fishy method could be the solution for the agriculture industry's looming water shortages and lack of arable land. The systems require little fresh water, no artificial fertilizers and can be set up nearly anywhere a fish can live.

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"This is the only food production system in the world that provides only food and no waste."

Nick Savidov, researcher, Alberta Agriculture

Jill Chen shows off a giant lemon growing from a houseplant ironically reared as a bonsai, one of a few citrus trees in her Toronto kitchen. CHRIS SO/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ford: Why talk crack when we can talk cash?

Mayor Rob Ford registers as a candidate Thursday for the city's 2014 municipal election in October. Coun. Doug Ford is at left. VICTOR BIRO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rob Ford wants to frame the mayoral election as a referendum on his fiscal management. And he doesn't want to talk about his conduct.

As he had promised, Ford was the first candidate to register for the 2014 race. Immediately after he filed his nomination papers at city hall Thursday morning, he revealed his early communications strategy: A relentless focus on money matters and a refusal to address questions about his behaviour while in office.

"I've got the strongest track record. I've been the best mayor that this city's ever had. My record speaks for itself," he told reporters at city hall.

Asked what he will tell parents who approach him on the campaign trail with questions about crack-cocaine use and associations with criminals, he responded: "You want to get personal? I'm sticking to my record. That's all personal."

Ford's message discipline helped propel him to victory in 2010 as an indignant outsider demanding change. This time, he is a scandal-plagued incumbent defending the status quo.

He argued that the city is "better now than it was four years ago." He demurred when asked what he would do differently in a second term.

"I'm going to continue doing what I've been doing — watching every dime that's being spent," he said.

"Promises made were promises kept."

Election Day is Oct. 27, 10 months away.

The only credible declared challengers are councillor and TTC chair Karen Stintz and businessman and former councillor David Soknacki, who are both right-leaning — neither registered on Thursday. Coun. Denzil Minnan-Wong, another conservative, is also considering a run. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Also running

Fourteen fringe candidates had registered to run against Ford by the end of the day. They included Matt Mernagh, the marijuana activist, and Richard Underhill, the musician whose band the Shuffle Demons had a TTC-related hit, Spadina Bus.

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Doug Ford. 'Still thinking about' running for MPP in Etobicoke North riding

Toronto Coun. Doug Ford is keeping one eye on Queen's Park as he runs his brother's new campaign for re-election as mayor.

The future of Doug Ford was on the mind of Rob Ford on Thursday as the embattled mayor — fresh from lots of television exposure during the holiday ice storm — filed his nomination papers for the civic election coming Oct. 27.

"He's not running for council," the mayor told Newstalk 1010. "I don't want to say anything, but he could be the next MPP for Etobicoke North in a few months."

Reached later, Doug Ford told the Torstar News Service he's "still thinking about it."

"My priority is Rob and helping him become mayor again. I'm pretty confident there will be a provincial election in the spring, and we'll see."

Doug Ford has repeatedly expressed interest in running for the Progressive Conservatives in Etobicoke North, a riding that includes the home turf of Ford Nation and is now represented by veteran Liberal MPP Shafiq Qaadri, a doctor.

Despite the controversy surrounding Rob Ford and to a lesser extent his brother, PC Leader Tim Hudak has refused to rule out a Doug Ford candidacy.

Doug Ford
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Etobicoke North is one of just five ridings in Ontario where the Conservatives have not yet held a nomination meeting to select a candidate, leaving the door open for Doug Ford.

"There is a process to be followed," said party spokesman Alan Sakach, adding no nomination papers have been filed by any potential candidates in Etobicoke North.

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Rafferty turned down for legal aid for appeal

Victoria Stafford case. Rafferty refused by Legal Aid Ontario four times since his conviction

Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General will be picking up the tab for an appeal attempt by the man convicted of killing eight-year-old Victoria Stafford.

Michael Rafferty's lawyer says he has again be turned down for funding from Legal Aid Ontario after a judge ordered last month that it reconsider Rafferty's case.

Appeal Court Justice Marc Rosenberg had ruled the case is too complex for someone with a Grade 9 education in segregation and with no access to a law library to handle on his own.

Rafferty had been turned down four times by Legal Aid since his convictions in May 2012 for first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping in Tori's death.

Rosenberg said if Rafferty was turned down again, the lawyer who represented him on the motion would be appointed for the appeal and he would be paid by the attorney general.

Lawyer Paul Calarco says the case is proceeding, but could not comment further as the issue is before the courts.

Rafferty's trial heard that he and his former girlfriend, Terri-Lynne McClintic, lured Tori from her school in Woodstock, Ont., and drove to a secluded field, where the Grade 3 student was sexually assaulted and brutally beaten to death in April 2009.

Calarco argued at the Appeal Court last month that one ground for Rafferty's appeal is that the jury should have considered that he might have been only an accessory after the fact to Tori's brutal murder.

Michael Rafferty, who was convicted in 2012 of killing Victoria Stafford, leaves the courthouse in Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 7, 2011. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rosenberg wrote that he agreed with Calarco, saying, "it appears that the trial judge's instructions on the issue were deficient."

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Time of use rates don't spur conservation: Study

Ontario's time of use hydro rates haven't significantly reduced overall energy use by householders, says a new study.

The time of use rates went hand in hand with the installation of "smart meters" across the province, at a cost of more than a billion dollars

The meters, which measure power use throughout the day, allow utilities to charge higher rates when demand for electricity is high, and lower rates on weekends and overnight, when demand falls off.

But the new rate structure has had modest, if any, impact on conservation by householders, says the study, conducted by Navigant Consulting for the Ontario Energy Board.

The study found there was a modest reduction in overall power use during the winter that could be attributed to the new rates. But it found "there is no significant summer conservation impact" from the time of use rates.

Hydro utilities spent about $1 billion installing smart meters — a cost they're allowed to pass on to their customers.

The Independent Electricity System Operator has also spent $250 million on a storage hub to handle the data from the meters. Ratepayers are being charged 79 cents a month on their power bill to cover that cost. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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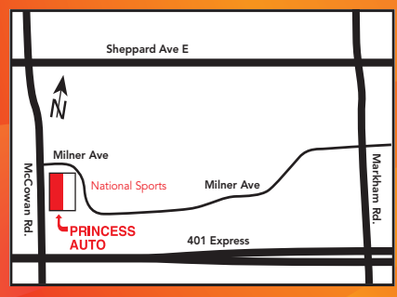

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Train fires. Bakken oil may be more flammable than traditional oil: Alert

Following a string of explosive accidents, federal officials said Thursday that crude oil being shipped by rail from the Northern Plains across the U.S. and Canada may be more flammable than traditional forms of oil.

A safety alert issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation warns the public, emergency responders and shippers about the potential high volatility of the crude being shipped from the Bakken oil shale patch in Montana and North Dakota.

The warning comes after the massive explosion caused by an oil train derailment on Monday near Casselton, N.D. No one was hurt, but worries about toxic fumes prompted the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

The oil boom in the Bakken has reduced the nation's reliance on imported oil and brought thousands of jobs to the region. But as companies have increasingly relied on trains to get that oil to lucrative coastal markets, public safety in communities bisected by rail lines has become a major concern.

In July, 47 people were killed in Lac Mégantic, Que., when a train carrying Bakken crude derailed. Another oil train derailed and exploded in Alabama in November, killing no one but releasing an estimated 749,000 gallons of oil. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potential volatility

Thursday's safety alert resulted in part from results of preliminary tests on Bakken oil to determine just how dangerous it is, said Jeannie Shiffer with the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Material Safety Administration. Shiffer said it is important to know the volatility of the oil so that it can be properly handled during shipping.

Ship shrouded by sea smoke

A Metro Transit ferry crosses the harbour through sea smoke, formed when very cold air moves over warm water, in Halifax on Thursday. The region is also in the grip of unseasonably cold temperatures and the forecast is for blizzard conditions starting overnight. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Poll

Young parents embrace flu shot

Increasing numbers of adults in their child-rearing years are becoming convinced that getting a flu shot for themselves and their children is a good idea, a new poll suggests. The Harris-Decima poll found that those aged 18 to 34 and those with children in their households were the two demographics that had the highest rates of flu-shot converts than any other. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Synthetic marijuana

Breaking Bad contest winner charged in drug op

Authorities say a Florida man who won a contest to watch the series finale of Breaking Bad with the cast has been charged with running a drug distribution operation. The Lee County Sheriff's Office say Ryan Lee Carroll sold synthetic marijuana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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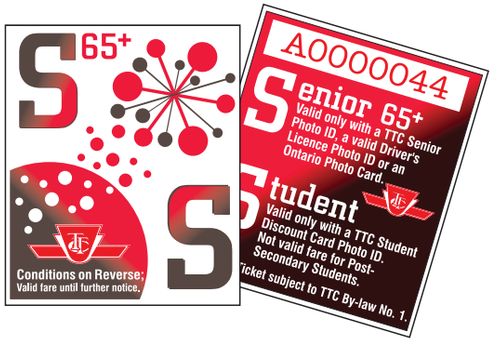
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Former Israeli PM clings to life

'Turn for the worse.'
Doctors say Ariel Sharon, who has been in a coma for eight years, is in critical condition

Former Israeli prime minister Ariel Sharon, who has been in a coma for eight years, was in critical condition on Thursday, clinging to life after a decline in the functioning of various bodily organs, his doctors said.

Dr. Zeev Rotstein, director of Tel Hashomer hospital, said Sharon's condition had deteriorated over the past two days and that a number of vital organs, including his kidneys, were suffering from "critical malfunction."

"He is in critical condition and his life is definitely in danger," Rotstein told reporters at the hospital, just outside Tel Aviv. "The feeling of the doctors treating him and also that of the family with him is that there is a turn for the worse."

Sharon's family are at his bedside, Rotstein said.

The 85-year-old Sharon, one of Israel's most iconic and controversial figures, has been in a coma since suffering a devastating stroke in January 2006. At the time, he was prime minister and at the height of his political power.

Sharon's career has stretched across Israel's 65-year history.

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Syria. Russia, China to add security for chemical weapons removal plan

A spokesman for the joint Danish-Norwegian operation tasked with ferrying Syria's chemical weapons out of the strife-torn country says warships from Russia and China will provide additional security on the transport leg of the operation.

Maj. Eystein Kvarving says the Russian missile cruiser Peter the Great and a Chinese frigate won't be under Danish-Norwegian command, but will be coordinating closely with it.

Cyprus' defence ministry on Wednesday identified the Chinese warship as the Yan Cheng.

Kvarving said two cargo ships and their warship escorts will set sail Thursday from the Cypriot port of Limassol to waters near Syria where they will wait for orders on when they can head to the Syrian port of Latakia to pick up more than 1,000 tons of chemical agents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In Portsmouth, Va., media photograph one of two systems capable of neutralizing Syria's chemical weapons aboard the MV Cape Ray. STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Online extremists

'Jihad Jane' could be sentenced to life in prison

U.S. federal prosecutors are asking for a lengthy prison sentence for a woman who called herself "Jihad Jane" online.

Prosecutors say in court papers that Colleen LaRose should spend decades behind bars for plotting to kill a Swedish cartoonist whose work had offended Muslims.

Prosecutors say LaRose's sentencing should serve as a deterrent to "other lonely, vulnerable people who might be enticed by online extremists promising fame and honour."

LaRose and two others convicted in the plot, Jamie Paulin-Ramirez and teenager Mohammad Hassan Khalid, face sentencing next week.

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Outfoxed? Walmart yanks 'tainted' donkey meat off store shelves in China

Walmart says it's considering taking legal action against "responsible parties" after DNA testing showed traces of fox meat in the donkey meat it sold in China.

Walmart had recalled the donkey meat — which it said was considered a popular delicacy in parts of China — after DNA testing by a government agency. The company said Thursday that it withdrew all products from the supplier, Dezhou Fujude Food Company, and that affected customers were offered compensation.

Walmart, based in Bentonville, Ark., has 404 stores in China. A spokesman for the company, Kevin Gardner, says only a select number of stores were affected, but didn't give a specific number.

It's not the first time a U.S. company has encountered supply issues in China. Yum Brands Inc., which owns KFC, is still working to repair its reputation after a Chinese TV report in 2012 that showed some of its suppliers were giving chickens unapproved levels of antibiotics.

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U.S. court clears illegal immigrant to practise law

Sergio Garcia. Mexican-born man challenged 1996 law that bars people like him from receiving professional licences

The California Supreme Court on Thursday granted a law licence to a man living in the United States illegally who graduated from law school and passed the state bar exam, meaning Sergio Garcia can begin practising law despite his immigration status.

Shortly after the court heard arguments in the case, California Gov. Jerry Brown signed a state law that authorized the granting of the licence. The new law went into effect Wednesday.

Sergio Garcia
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The Obama administration had opposed granting him a licence — a surprise to some, since it adopted a program that shields people who were brought to the U.S. as children, graduated from school and have kept a clean criminal record from deportation and allows them to legally work in the U.S.

At 36, Garcia is too old to qualify for the program. But he and the immigration groups supporting him argued that he is exactly the type of candidate the Obama administration had in mind.

Garcia arrived in the U.S. illegally 20 years ago to pick almonds with his father and worked at a grocery store and in the fields while attending school. He became a paralegal, went to law school and passed the bar on his first try.

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At the TTC, we are gearing up to deliver big improvements to your service in 2014.

On the subway, the Yonge-University-Spadina line will receive the last of the initial order of Toronto Rocket trains, each providing a much needed boost to line capacity as we move to an all-Rocket operation. The oldest trains on the Bloor-Danforth line will be retired as this line converts to operation by T1 trains, our next newest, and highly reliable fleet.

On our surface routes, more articulated buses will be rolled out to add to those already in operation on the 7 Bathurst route. Next routes to convert to articulated buses include the 29 Dufferin, 36 Finch West, 63 Ossington, 6 Bay, 85 Sheppard East and 53 Steeles Express.

And at the end of August, the first low floor, air conditioned, high capacity streetcar will be deployed on to the 510 Spadina route, with 203 more state-of-the-art vehicles to follow between now and 2018.

Our new smartcard, PRESTO, will see further roll-out, with additional subway stations being equipped with card readers, in addition to the new streetcars.

Finally, we will launch the 2014 Customer Charter later this month, containing more than 30 new time-bound promises geared to improving the service that we offer to you, our customers. I wish you all the very best for a healthy and happy New Year!

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The TTC commuter parking lot located at Yorkdale Shopping Centre will be demolished early in the new year for redevelopment.

As a result, TTC commuter parking at Yorkdale will be closed for approximately 18 months starting Jan. 6.

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Ice-trapped ship passengers rescued

Safe and sound. Three icebreakers failed at reaching ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve

All 52 passengers trapped for more than a week on an ice-bound Russian research ship in the Antarctic were rescued Thursday when a Chinese helicopter swooped in and plucked them from the ice a dozen at a time.

The dramatic international rescue operation became possible once the weather finally cleared. Blinding snow, strong winds, fog and thick sea ice forced rescuers to turn back time and again.

The twin-rotor helicopter — its red and yellow colours contrasting starkly against the ice and snow — carried scientists and tourists from the Russian ship MV Akademik Shokalskiy to an Australian icebreaker, according to the Australian Maritime Safety Authority's Rescue Coordination Centre, which oversaw the rescue.

At one point, the passengers linked arms and stomped out a landing site in the snow next to the Russian ship for the helicopter, which is based on a Chinese icebreaker.

The eagerly anticipated rescue came after days of failed attempts to reach the vessel, which was trapped since Christmas Eve.

The passengers were flown to an ice floe next to the Aurora Australis icebreaker and then taken by a small boat to the Australian ship, said expedition leader Chris Turney.

The Aurora will take the passengers to Australia's island state of Tasmania, a two-week journey.

"I think everyone is relieved and excited to be going on to the Australian icebreaker and then home," said Turney.

The Akademik Shokalskiy, which left New Zealand on Nov. 28, got stuck after a blizzard pushed the sea ice around the ship, freezing it in place about 2,700 kilometres south of Hobart, Tasmania.

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Passengers from a ship trapped in the Antarctic since Christmas Eve prepare to board a Chinese helicopter Thursday. ZHANG JIANSONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/XINHUA

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Rwanda's ex-spymaster found dead

The body of Rwanda's former spy chief was found, possibly strangled, in a hotel in South Africa, police said Thursday. Rwandan dissidents accused President Paul Kagame of ordering his assassination.

The suspicious death of Patrick Karegeya, a former Kagame ally who turned against him, follows a pattern of assassinations ordered by the Rwandan president, said Theogene Rudasingwa of the opposition coalition Rwanda National Congress. Kagame's government vehemently denies it has targeted dissidents.

Karegeya's body was discovered in a room at Johannesburg's plush Michelangelo Towers hotel on New Year's Day, and many questions remain unanswered in a country with a high crime rate.

"He was found in the hotel room dead on the bed," said a statement from South African police spokeswoman Lt. Col. Katlego Mogale. "A towel with blood and a rope were found in the hotel room safe. There is a possibility that he might have been strangled."

She said a murder investigation has been opened in the death of the 53-year-old who reportedly fled to South Africa in 2007.

Gunmen twice tried to kill Kagame's former chief of army staff, Lt. Gen. Kayumba Nyamwasa, while he was living in exile in Johannesburg in 2010. Nyamwasa told The Associated Press in 2012 that Kagame has hunted him and other dissidents around the world, "using hired killer squads."

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Disappearing privacy

Snapchat to issue more secure app

Snapchat says it plans to put out a more secure version of its app following a breach that allowed hackers to collect usernames and phone numbers of some 4.6 million of its users. The disappearing-message service popular with young people said in a blog post Thursday that the updated version would allow users to opt out of its "Find Friends" feature and would stem future attempts to abuse its service. The breach occurred after experts warned the company at least twice about a vulnerability in its system. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A temporary duet

BlackBerry, Keys parting ways

BlackBerry is parting ways with singer Alicia Keys, after a year-long collaboration with the smartphone maker. The Waterloo-based company says Keys will be leaving her role as its global creative director on Jan. 30.

Her involvement with the company drew criticism from some outsiders who said, despite the decidedly corporate title, Keys was little more than a celebrity who was brought in to help promote its BlackBerry 10 smartphones.
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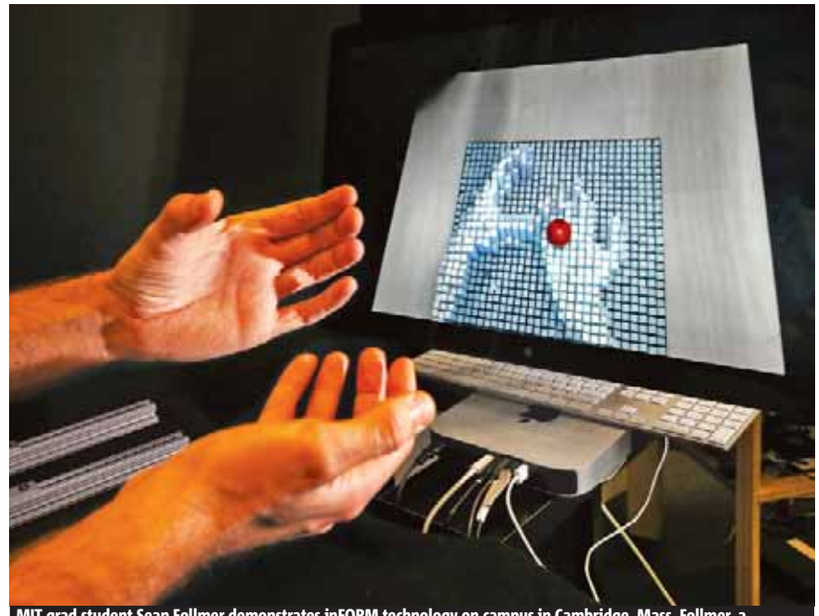
Transporter? Almost

MIT. Researchers have found a way to render 3D images of people and things remotely

Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have found a way to allow people in one place to interact with 3D versions of people or objects in a different location.

MIT's Tangible Media Group calls the technology inFORM. A person in one location moves or puts an object in front of a depth-sensing camera. That camera sends signals to a motorized pin screen somewhere else and that's where the 3D image pops up. If someone on camera is moving his hands, for example, that movement would show up on the pin screen in another location.

They hope the technology can eventually be used by urban planners and architects. It could also be used by doctors and others who need to look at CT scans. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



MIT grad student Sean Follmer demonstrates inFORM technology on campus in Cambridge, Mass. Follmer, a researcher with MIT's Tangible Media Group, moves his hands in front of a depth-sensing camera which sends signals to a motorized pin screen in another location where a 3D image pops up to manipulate the red ball.
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Looking backward with pride and forward with hope? Probably not, but I have peered deep into my crystal ball, emerging with a clear vision of the coming year.

The good news is, 2014 will likely not be as crazy as its predecessor, but then again, if I am your go-to psychic, then you're screwed already. Here is what you can expect:

1 **____ is the new ____.** Orange is the new black, 45 will be the new 30, cannabis will be the new tobacco, prescription A.D.D. meds will be the new crack, and all will serve as criteria for Toronto's new mayoral candidates.

2 **Why so secretive?** Edward Snowden will gain enough public support to be exonerated for his alleged crimes, but will continue to find his friends a little stand-offish.

3 **Bad girls playing good.** Lindsay Lohan makes a comeback, generating Oscar buzz for her portrayal of a young Mother Teresa.

4 **Baby mama once more.** Kim Kardashian will get pregnant again and give daddy Kanye West a son who shall be named Wild-Wild.

5 **Totally beliebable scenario.** Justin Bieber will pay German officials to retrieve his monkey, which will be trained to walk his new bulldog, pick up its poop and fling it at unattractive or overweight fans.

6 **Bad girls going God.** Miley Cyrus will make a spiritual pilgrimage to the Middle East, where she will consume the unknown fruit of a mysterious tree that will cause her to feel modesty and cover her nakedness with a fig leaf and a fragment of parchment. And army boots.

7 **X-actly what we need.** The X Factor USA judge Paulina Rubio will leave the show to judge The X Factor Mexico. She'll be replaced by Nicki Minaj for a win-win situation where Mexico gets a mentor whose insight can finally be understood, and the American version maintains the delicate balance of verbosely incoherent babbling.

8 **Bynum, by then.** Andrew Bynum, one of the NBA's most overpaid per-game players ever, will join the Miami Heat for the league minimum. Bynum's propensity for off-court shenanigans that lead to injury and his subsequent indifference will lead to his attempted strangling by team captain LeBron James during a nationally televised game. Bynum will sue for millions but will still manage to be bankrupt by 2015.

9 **Hollywood K.O.** 2013 brought the Knockout Game into public consciousness. It involves one person sucker-punching an unsuspecting victim while another films it for public consumption on YouTube. In 2014, the brutal pastime will spawn a new reality series where each week, a different Hollywood celebrity will be filmed sucker-punching Perez Hilton.

10 **Sounds about right.** Neither the Maple Leafs nor the Canadiens will earn a playoff berth in 2014. This may not be a revelation, but is more likely to come true than any of the above.

So, dear friends, remember to love like you've never been hurt and dance like no one's watching, but if you actually catch someone watching, put your clothes back on immediately. Happy new year!

ZOOM

Martians-to-be shortlist announced

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75 Canucks make list

Since he was a young boy, eagerly devouring science fiction books, Stephen Fenech has dreamed of being an astronaut.

Now, the Toronto man is a bit closer to reaching his lofty dream after learning that he is one of 75 Canadians selected as a candidate for a one-way mission to Mars.

"I'm vacillating between excitement and terror," said the 45-year-old seasoned traveller, who's visited 160 countries. "When I imagine myself not just in another country but on a whole other planet, I would be so jazzed about being there."

The mission is being organized by Mars One, a Dutch-based not-for-profit. On Monday it announced that of about 202,500 applicants worldwide, 1,058 hopefuls had been selected as potential candidates. They will be whittled down to a group of up to 40 people, who will then train for about seven years.

An unmanned mission is slated for 2018, with Lockheed Martin in charge of building the Mars lander.

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Retirement years

"I know I'd be the guinea pig.... And I know I'm taking a chance.... But the way I see it is that my life will be winding down at that point anyway, so I might as well do something that's so fulfilling, not just to me but to our entire race."

Stephen Fenech, who figures that by the time the mission takes place he will be close to retirement, and ready for a new chapter.

$1.5 billion a head

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The goal is for Mars One to send the first crew of four in 2024, with additional groups departing every two years. It's an ambitious — and costly — project. Getting the first group to Mars will cost $6 billion, with every additional manned mission costing $4 billion. To finance the endeavour, the private organization is relying on sponsors and public support. Just last month it launched a crowdfunding campaign. As well, there are ongoing negotiations with media companies for the rights to a reality-TV show that would track the training process.

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Another iOS Kickstarter success story, République arrived on the App Store to much fanfare before Christmas. A hugely ambitious episodic stealth-action adventure, wrestled down to iOS size, it puts you in the role of Hope as she is held captive in a building run by an unpleasant totalitarian government. Needless to say, her captivity is short-lived.

Controls tend to be the biggest obstacle when it comes to shoving an action game onto an iOS device, but République nimbly clears that hurdle with a simple one-touch interface. Navigating Hope through each level begins and ends with a single touch wherever you want to place her. Of course, this being a stealth game, you're equipped with a tool that allows you to view your surroundings and their patrolling enemies by hacking into security cameras — once again with one-touch control.

The beautiful animation and convincing voice acting leaves little doubt that developer Camouflaj is hoping to force a huge evolution in touchscreen gaming, and the first instalment of République is a convincing case that they're onto something. (iOS/$4.99)

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@metropicks asked: The Bacon Man, running for mayor in Windsor, Ont., is promising free funerals for all. What's your outlandish pledge?

@glenharnish: A free fishing rod every season and a lifetime fishing licence. #wheredoIvote?

@NinjaBot42: Subways! Subways! Subways! What? Aw crap.

@Rob_Irvine_Jr: I would promise that the Maple Leafs win a Stanley Cup...

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Synopsis

Out with the old and in with the new: 2013 contained many magnificent movie moments (and some bad ones as well, but let's not dwell on those) for the Reel Guys and it looks like 2014 will be just as bountiful. This week we gaze into our cinematic crystal balls and choose the films we're looking forward to in the new year.

On tap for 2014: Another RoboCop reboot. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

New year, new films

Lookahead. From The Equalizer to 50 Shades of Grey, the Reel Guys make their movie picks for 2014

Richard: Mark, years ago I loved a show called The Equalizer. It starred Edward Woodward as a private detective who helped people in need "equalize the odds." It was a cool show, and as much as movie versions of programs like The A-Team and Starsky and Hutch have disappointed, I'm looking forward to this. Denzel Washington is masterful at playing ambiguous antiheroes and reteaming him with his Training Day director Antoine Fuqua seems like a good idea to me.

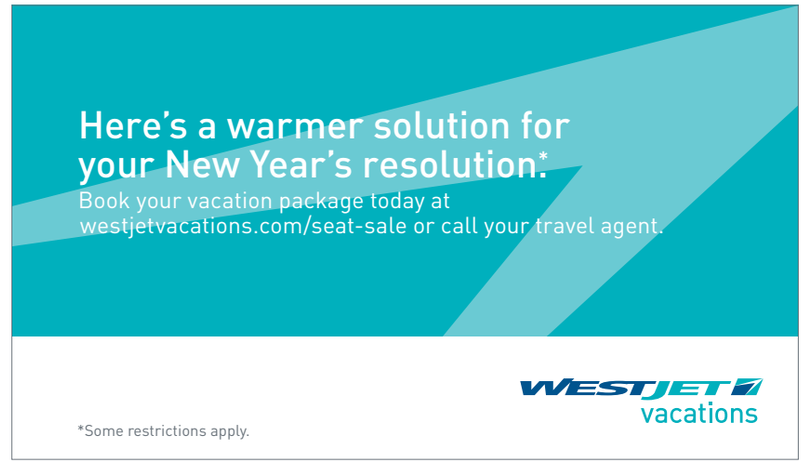
Mark: Richard, I don't know the show but I do like Denzel, I do like Fuqua and I do like the concept. One movie I am looking forward to is The Monuments Men with George Clooney, Matt Damon and John Goodman as civilians pressed into battle during the Second World War to save art treasures from the Nazis. This should hit all the bases for me.

RC: Clooney is always cool, and he also directed the movie, so I'm keen to see it. I'm also very excited for The Zero Theorem. Terry Gilliam says his new film is the third part of the trilogy he began with Brazil and continued with 12 Monkeys. If that isn't enough, it stars Christoph Waltz and Matt Damon. And did I mention it sprung from the wild mind of Terry Gilliam?

MB: Reality check: Whose last movie was the unwatchable The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus. When Gilliam stinks he stinks up the whole room. Just saying.... If it's sci-fi you're looking for, how about the RoboCop reboot, a franchise that's had more reboots than an Ugg store? Or Transcendence, which has a Philip K. Dick meets Body Snatchers sound to it. Appeals to the paranoid side of my split personality Richard...

RC: I liked Parnassus! It was like a Salvador Dali painting come to life! Gilliam Rules! But there are other things I'm looking forward to, like Maleficent. The creepy but beautiful Sleeping Beauty villain is a role Angelina Jolie's cheekbones were born to play. If the movie is as cool looking as the clips I've seen, I'll go for the art direction alone.

MB: Sure, but I think we're both ignoring what must be the Greatest Movie of 2014 — the cinematic adaptation of the great novel Fifty Shades of Grey. C'mon, Richard, admit it, you'll be second in line to see it, only because I got there the night before... and I understand James Franco is playing the handcuffs.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Movie trivia: Cats the way I like it

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This two-player trivia game uses cartoon cats to act out questions about popular movies. You choose the categories and it'll serve up witty challenges involving costumes, props and famous lines.

Video game review

Name. LEGO Marvel Super Heroes

For. Wii U, PC, PS3, Xbox 360

Rated. Everyone

There's having a superpower and then there's discovering all the different things you can do with it. That's the delight impressively recreated here in LEGO for a whopping 155 characters. Each has a really long list of abilities put to creative use both for fighting in adventures and exploring a free-roaming city. Compared to past LEGO games the brick-building moments are fewer and farther between, but the sense of discovery is endless, which is ideal for a game parents can share with their kids. **KRIS ABEL**

The big films of a big 2014

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Remakes and sequels

Transformers: Age of Extinction (June 27)
Mark Wahlberg takes over for Shia LaBeouf as the human stand-in amidst Michael Bay's gargantuan metal extravaganza, now on its fourth installment. Fingers crossed for dinobots.

X-Men: Days of Future Past (May 23)
Bryan Singer steps back into the director's chair for the franchise he started 14 years ago, bringing together a massive cast combining actors from the original films and the most recent X-Men: First Class for a time-hopping storyline cribbed from the comics. It's almost too much to take.

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (April 4)
Chris Evans' Cap gets his first solo outing since The Avengers in a story that pits him both against a mysterious terrorist with connections to his past and his own government, in the form of S.H.I.E.L.D. boss Alexander Pierce (Robert Redford).

Godzilla (May 16)
It's been more than 15 years since Roland Emmerich's go-at-the-giant monster franchise landed with a thud, so maybe it's safe to unleash the big green guy again, this time in a film starring Bryan Cranston.

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (Jan. 17)
This Tom Clancy franchise reboot was supposed to hit theatres this Christmas, but Paramount pushed it back a month. If anything, it should keep the latest Jack Ryan, Chris Pine, busy between Star Trek outings.

More remake-quels

RoboCop, The Expendables 3, The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1, 22 Jump Street, Horrible Bosses 2, Muppets Most Wanted.

Big gambles

Noah (March 28)
Darren Aronofsky follows up Black Swan with a massive, super-expensive biblical epic starring Russell Crowe as the most famous ship-builder ever. A serious gamble for all involved, especially considering all of the sinking ship jokes critics could make if it falters.

Interstellar (Nov. 7)
All we know is that it's by Christopher Nolan and it involves wormholes and space travel and it stars, among others, Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Jessica Chastain and Michael Caine. So we're basically already there.

Guardians of the Galaxy (Aug. 1)
It's nice to see Marvel and Disney feeling free enough with their massive successes to get a little weird. This also-ran but beloved comic line features a talking, gun-toting raccoon (voiced by Bradley Cooper), an ambulatory tree and all sorts of other oddities, with the Avengers nowhere in sight. But it could just make Chris Pratt officially a movie star.

Maleficent (May 30)
While technically using an existing property, Disney is taking quite a risk by making one of their biggest baddies (embodied by Angelina Jolie) the main character of her own movie. Sleeping Beauty won't know what hit her.

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The Amazing Spider-Man 2 (May 2)

Sony's holding on tight to its Marvel property, pitting current Spidey Andrew Garfield against a host of threats like Electro (Jamie Foxx), the Rhino (Paul Giamatti) and the Green Goblin. Plus, they've got a series of spin-off movies to launch.

Future cult favourites

Veronica Mars
(March 14)
The little Kickstarter campaign that could is officially getting a big theatrical roll-out as opposed to the limited, VOD-heavy release they'd initially planned. The follow-up to Rob Thomas' cult-classic TV show about a high-school private eye (Kristen Bell) has a wave of goodwill behind it, with a growing audience base willing it to succeed.

Jupiter Ascending
(July 25)
After not enough people turned out for their ambitious Cloud Atlas, the Wachowskis head off-world for a science-fiction adventure starring Channing Tatum and Mila Kunis.

Knight of Cups
(TBA)
Without even a solid release date nailed down, all we know about Terrence Malick's latest is that it stars Oscar-winners Christian Bale and Natalie Portman and it's about "a man, temptations, celebrity and excess." Sounds interesting.

The Grand Budapest Hotel
(March 7)
Wes Anderson follows up the delightful Moonrise Kingdom with what appears to be the most Wes Anderson film of all time with a jam-packed cast including Ralph Fiennes, Tilda Swinton, Bill Murray, Edward Norton and Jude Law.

The Lego Movie
(Feb. 7)
Possibly the most welcome film adaptation of a children's toy in movie history — call it the anti-Transformers — this animated adventure looks to be pop-culture-skewering fun, with Chris Pratt, Morgan Freeman and Liam Neeson leading an all-star voice cast.

Based on a bestseller

Divergent
(March 21)
The presumptive next big sci-fi film franchise based on a young-adult book series kicks off with Shailene Woodley starring as a special girl challenging a dystopian society.

Gone Girl
(Oct. 3)
David Fincher takes on Gillian Flynn's bestseller about a woman who disappears on her anniversary, with Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike heading up an eclectic cast that also includes Neil Patrick Harris and Tyler Perry.

Unbroken
(Dec. 25)
Christmas next year will bring Angelina Jolie's second film as a director, again with harrowing themes. This time it's the true-life tale of an Olympic runner and Japanese Second World War prisoner of war, from a book by the author of Seabiscuit.

Edge of Tomorrow
(June 6)
Hiroshi Sakurazaka's futuristic novel All You Need is Kill gets the big-screen treatment with Tom Cruise starring as a soldier caught in an alien war version of Groundhog Day.

Journalism scandal

A Fragile Trust

What. Documentary

Cast. Jayson Blair

Director. Samantha Grant

In what's bound to become required viewing for rookie journalists, the documentary A Fragile Trust traces the curious rise and fall of former New York Times reporter and plagiarist Jayson Blair, whose fabrications in the newspaper caught up to him in 2003. Now 37 years old, Blair candidly discusses the substance abuse issues and mental health problems that led to one of the biggest scandals to befall the Times.

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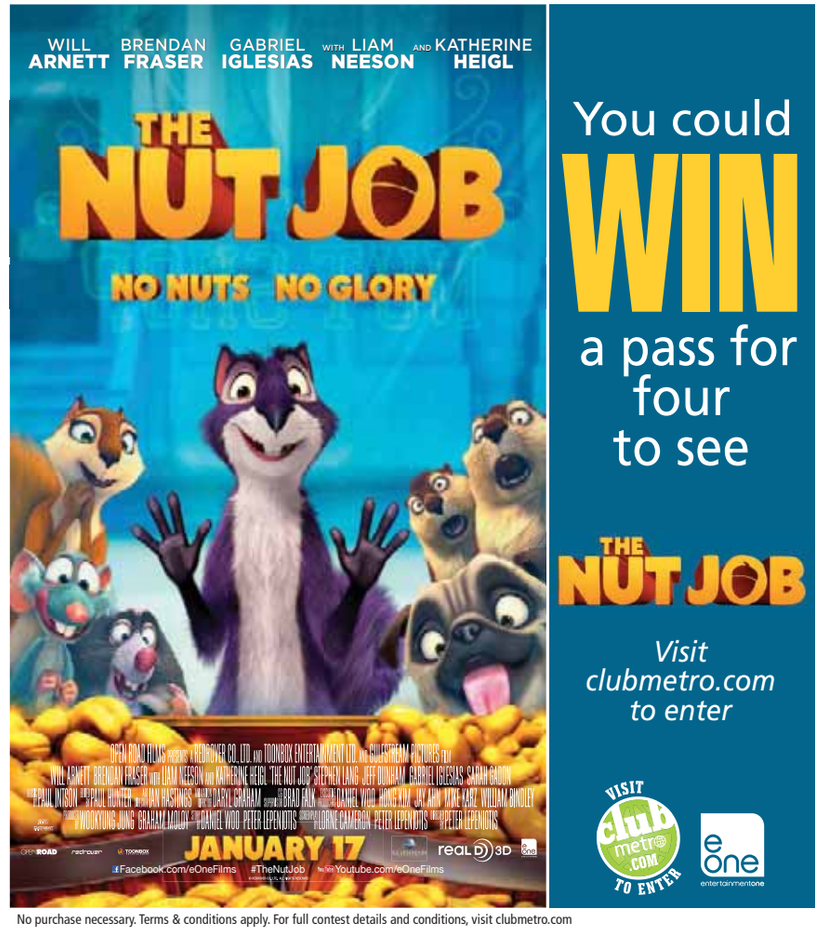

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3 songs for the weekend

SOUND CHECK
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Here are some early samples from three important albums coming up in the next month.

Holding on for Life/Broken Bells

The collaboration between Danger Mouse and James Mercer of The Shins moves to stage two with a second album entitled After the Disco on Jan. 14.

Black Me Out / Against Me

In what could be the most intensely autobiographical album ever, Against Me! returns with Transgender Dysmorphia Blues, featuring Laura Jane Grace, the reborn identity of singer Tom Gabel. It's out Jan. 21.

Big Shot/ The Pack A.D

Promotion for their fourth album began in the fall and teased with a couple of tracks. Do Not Engage finally lands Jan. 28.

The future of your favourite pop stars

Music. We look into the crystal ball and predict where some of the big names will be in two years' time

Miley Cyrus GETTY IMAGES

Miley Cyrus

2014: Her Bangerz tour continues throughout the U.S. and Canada before heading to Europe. We predict she'll play it safe on these dates to ensure Wisconsin parents keep giving her money.
2015: Tour over, Miley spends an entire year Instagramming photos of pot leaves in Jamaica, where, in the spirit of twerking, she adopts a cute little black boy and makes him dance.
2016: Now 24, Cyrus does what all female singers do, and "matures," lining up 20 dates in Vegas and a comeback tour.

Rihanna

2014: Basically the same thing as Miley.
2015: Except Trinidad instead of Jamaica. And instead of adopting a little boy, she marries Chris Brown.
2016: Rihanna and Chris become the next Ike and Tina, and then she finally dumps his ass.

One Direction

2014: OMG indeed: The U.K. phenoms tour Europe, sell out stadiums and break box office records. Harry Styles denies rumours about going solo, staying true to his "boys."
2015: Harry Styles goes solo.
2016: The One Direction Reunion Tour hits Europe. Sales figures are "unavailable."

Kanye and Kim

2014: Now a year old, their daughter North releases her first album, produced by Hudson Mohawke on an old TurboGrafx.
2015: North, now two, calls her parents sell-outs and proclaims herself the Messiah.
2016: North was right: she is the Messiah. We all die horrifically in the Rapture.

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New season to delight Downton fans

Much more to come. Executive producer says there will be more than five and fewer than 10 seasons of the PBS show

As it returns for its much-awaited fourth season, Downton Abbey remains a saga about elegance, tradition and gentility — and the pressures of preserving them.

On the premiere, airing Sunday at 9 p.m. EST on PBS, Lady Mary Crawley has buckled under the weight of widowhood six months after her husband, Matthew, perished in a car crash. Inconsolable at the start of the episode, Mary (played by Michelle Dockery) dismisses their infant son as "a poor little orphan."

Her father, Lord Robert Crawley (Hugh Bonneville), wrestles with business pressures: the death of Matthew and the absence of a will have thrown the Downton manor, already financially fragile, into further crisis.

Meanwhile, the modern world of 1922 bears down on the Downton hidebound. Just consider the encroachment of an electric mixer, the newest threat to the culinary status quo over which Mrs. Patmore reigns in the kitchen.

Even so, Mrs. Patmore remains squat, high-strung yet unbending under the pressures of keeping the Downton nobility well-fed.

It's no secret that Downton Abbey has dined out on startling success from almost the first moment it hit the air in Britain in 2010 (three months before its U.S. debut).

It has gained a firm foothold in the culture, won 10 Emmys and two Golden Globes, and found a robust audience that rose to the challenge of calling it Downton, not Downtown. Last season's finale drew 8.2 million U.S. viewers, most of them left shattered by Matthew's demise as they faced the long wait to see how the Downton elite and underclass would cope.

In November there was a bit of good news for rabid fans with the announcement that, yes, next year there will be a fifth season. That news freed viewers to fret about their favourite show's fate beyond 2015: How many years will Downton carry on?

Just ask Downton executive producer Gareth Neame. Everybody else has.

"We know there's going to be more than five," he replies patiently, "and I know there's going to be less than 10. I don't know what happens between now and then."

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TV. The return of Jack Bauer and The Vatican

24: Live Another Day

Last time we saw Jack Bauer, well, who knows: We stopped watching after season six. But we're still excited for the return of CTU's anti-terrorist hero/psycho, if only because maybe this time, we'll see him go to the bathroom. Kiefer Sutherland returns, but instead of 24 episodes, we get 12, and the real-time concept is ditched. (May)

Jack Bauer is back this year. FOX

True Detective

We'd watch 12 hours of Woody Harrelson and Matthew McConaughey getting high and playing the bongos, but we're also thrilled they've teamed up for a dark HBO detective drama. Pitched at a slow boil, it follows a murder mystery from 1995, re-opened in 2012. Indie director and critic's darling Cary Fukunaga (Jane Eyre) directs. (Jan. 12)

The Vatican

Unlike The Borgias, Showtime's new drama is set in the present-day, following a Pope (Bruno Ganz, of Downfall) and various priests, including Matthew Goode from Stoker and Friday Night Lights dad Kyle Chandler as a New York cardinal. Calling the shots: God. And also Ridley Scott (Prometheus). (TBA)

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The Word

The sky's the limit for LaBeouf's mea culpa

Shia LaBeouf may have finally managed to write an apology for plagiarism that is not, itself, plagiarized.
The Beef came under fire recently when it came to light that his short film Howard-Cantour.com bore similarities to Daniel Clowes's comic Justin M. Damiano. The actor has since apologized several times, but since his apologies themselves seemed cobbled together from other works, it was hard to believe he was taking his transgression seriously.

Well, now at least he's working on it. Early this Thursday morning, Shia tweeted a pic of the words "I am sorry Daniel Clowes" in skywriting.

He didn't just photoshop that skywriting either. According to Variety, LaBeouf's contrition was visible across the L.A. sky on Wednesday.

"Mr. Clowes, I can only ask that you view my apology as a stepping stone toward repairing this misunderstanding between us. I'm sorry," he tweeted on New Year's Eve. All this may or may not come as any comfort to Mr. Clowes, who lives in San Francisco, not L.A.

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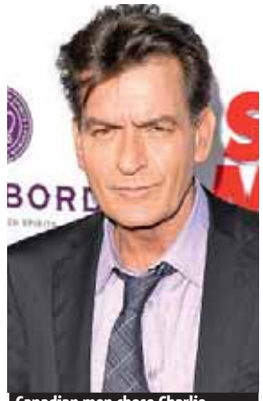
OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Top celeb travel moments of 2013

A monster-infested lake in Scotland, a picturesque seaside town in Italy and a celebrated party island in Spain were featured on travelocity.ca's list of the top celebrity travel moments of the past year — a list compiled from the results of a national survey. Whose beach trips, brawls and destination weddings came up tops? Read on to find out. **TEXT: METRO, TRAVEL PHOTOS: ISTOCK, CELEB PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES**



Canadian men chose Charlie Sheen's Loch Ness monster hunting trip to Scotland as the as their most memorable celeb travel moment.

Canadian men chose Leonardo DiCaprio's yacht trip to Ibiza, Spain, as the moment they would most want to recreate.

Canadian women most wished they could recreate Avril Lavigne and Chad Kroeger's trip to Portofino, Italy, where they exchanged vows.

Jay-Z and Beyoncé's highly publicized trip to Cuba was the number four most memorable moment of the year.

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Trends to wine about

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If Facebook is any indication, many of you are reminiscing about the last 12 months. Not me. I'm all about the future and booze trends that will define 2014.

Gazing into my crystal wine goblet, I see Old World wines solidifying their comeback. I'm talking the juice squeezed out of France, Italy and Spain easing you out of your South American rut.

That's not to say the New World won't see brighter days. Australia will show signs of rejuvenation with smaller wineries from specific regions making their personalities known.

Whites will gain ground from reds, while red blends will continue to attract the palates of the population.

Wines from a box will be invited to the dinner table, and second-tier grapes like aglianico, albariño and garnacha will be on the tip of your tongue.

The most ground-breaking trend will be flavoured wines, especially those made with, wait for it, chocolate. Chocolate Shop Red ($15.95 - $15.99) and ChocolatRouge Sweet Red ($13.99 - $17.99) have already brought their confectionary flavour flow to store shelves. I guarantee that more will follow in 2014. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Meet the star of the 2014 foodie scene

Predictions. Experts have checked the old crystal ball and report that the veggie of the year will be — wait for it — cauliflower

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Cauliflower is the new kale, salt is the new pepper and doughnuts and burgers are going gangbusters — at least, that's what food-trend watchers are predicting for 2014.

"I would say that cauliflower is the new kale and will definitely surpass kale this year," says Christine Couvelier, executive chef and global culinary trendologist. Cauliflower can be mashed, grilled, broiled or cut in steaks and barbecued, served on its own or in salad or tossed with herbs and oils.

Here, it's teamed with edamame to add more nutrients and flavour to regular mashed potatoes. Roasting the vegetables brings out a more intense flavour than boiling, as does the addition of sweet caramelized onions.

This Roasted Potato Cauliflower and Edamame Mash serves 8. MIKE MCCOLL, FROM THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 1 head roasted garlic
- 1 1/2 lb Yukon Gold potatoes cut into wedges, unpeeled
- 1 lb raw cauliflower, broken into pieces
- 2 cups diced onions
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 1/4 cup 2% milk
- 3/4 cup frozen shelled edamame, blanched
- pinch of salt and pepper

1. Preheat oven to 400 F. Line a baking sheet with foil sprayed with vegetable oil. Cut the top off the garlic head and wrap with foil and place on the baking sheet along with the potato and cauliflower. Spray the vegetables with vegetable oil. Roast for 30 minutes or just until tender, turning occasionally. Squeeze out the cloves of garlic.

2. Meanwhile, add onions to a skillet along with the vegetable oil and sauté on medium heat for 10 minutes just until tender. Add the brown sugar and sauté for another 5 minutes.

3. Mash potato wedges with skin in a large bowl. Place the cauliflower in a food processor along with the olive oil, sesame oil and milk and purée. Add to the mashed potatoes along with the onions, garlic cloves and edamame. Add the salt and pepper. **THE BEST OF ROSE REISMAN (WHITECAP BOOKS) BY ROSE REISMAN/ FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Resolutions

Date: January
Location: Wherever the nearest gym is
Lose weight, quit smoking, eat healthier, exercise more, be a better parent, child, friend, lover — we've heard 'em all. Every year we all get together for a few days and commit ourselves to being the best possible us's there are. Sadly, resolutions are often more notable for their failure rather than their success. So here's to having a plan and making it to week two!

Music

Date: Jan. 7, 8, 9
Location: Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, 145 Queen St. W.
The Canadian Opera Company is back from a few weeks' holiday to kick off their winter concert series. Ever wondered if you might actually enjoy live classical music but couldn't be bothered to rent a tux and find out? Well luckily, these one-hour gems are the perfect price — free. So spend 60 minutes with some timeless classics in 2014, no penguin suit necessary.

Motorcycles

Date: Jan. 3, 4, 5
Location: The Toronto International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd.
We know it's winter but when bikers speak, we listen. And it turns out they're talking about North America's largest retail show, which is hitting Toronto this weekend. It includes over 500 exhibitors, more than 1,000 bikes and roughly 50,000 leather-clad spectators. From custom jobs to classic rides, if it's on two motorized wheels you'll find it here. Segways not included.

Movies

Date: Jan. 3–12
Location: TIFF Bell Lightbox, 350 King St. W.
TIFF kicks off its weeklong celebration of Canadian film on Friday, Jan. 3 with Canada's Top Ten Film Festival. The festival will include screenings of each selected film, as well as an In Conversation With featuring Denis Villeneuve and Jake Gyllenhaal, attending on behalf of their top-ten film, Enemy. Other films to make the cut include Edward Burtynsky's Watermark and Louise Archambault's Gabrielle.

Surfing

Date: Whenever you get the nerve
Location: Ashbridges Bay
It used to be that when we talked about surfing we thought of Hawaiian beaches and crystal-clear blue water. Well, how about full-body wetsuits and snowflakes instead? That's right, Lake Ontario is fast becoming a legitimate place to catch a wave in the winter. Cowabunga, dude.

Brides

Date: January 3, 4, 5
Location: 136 Winges Rd., Main Floor, Unit 10. Woodbridge
Potential brides, take note: Canada's Bridal Show is sweeping into the GTA for the weekend and bringing with it a plethora of all things white and flowery. There'll be prizes, DJs, diamond rings and over a 150 different booths selling you everything you need for your big day. So hopefully your man's smart enough to have already put a ring on it.

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World juniors

Russia knocks off reigning champs

Russia beat the United States 5-3 in quarter-final play at the world junior hockey championship on Thursday, rallying to take the lead on Nakita Zadorov's two power-play goals.

Zadorov scored on 5-on-3 advantages in a 1:01 span in the second period to give Russia a 4-3 lead. The 6-foot-4 defenceman plays for the London Knights in the Ontario Hockey League.

Russia will face Sweden, a 6-0 winner over Slovakia, in the semifinals Saturday.

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NFL

Bears sign Cutler to 7-year deal

The Chicago Bears signed Jay Cutler to a seven-year contract Thursday, ending speculation that they might make a change at quarterback after five seasons.

Cutler, 30, acknowledged that his Bears tenure has had its low points, but he clearly thrived under first-year coach Marc Trestman and now has some of the best complements on offence he's had since arriving in Chicago in 2009. Terms of the deal were not disclosed, but it is reportedly worth nearly $18 million per year over the first three years and includes at least $50 million guaranteed.

Jay Cutler
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Canada's Anthony Mantha celebrates scoring against Switzerland in Malmo, Sweden, on Thursday. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada cuts through Swiss to get to semis

World juniors. Canucks move on to face Finland

Anthony Mantha has Canada a win away from reaching the final at the world junior hockey championship.

Mantha got the game-winner on a penalty shot while defenceman Griffin Reinhart added a goal and an assist as Canada beat Switzerland 4-1 on Thursday to reach the semi-final round.

The Canadians will face Finland, which rallied for a 5-3 quarter-final win over the Czech Republic on Saturday at Malmo Arena.

Quarter-final round

4	1
Canada	Switzerland

"They're a good team — we saw that in the exhibition game," said Reinhart, whose team dominated the final two periods of a pre-tournament game against the Finns on Dec. 20. "Every team now is going to be a hard game.

"It'll take a lot of discipline and you've got to stick to your systems."

Forward Curtis Lazar and defenceman Derrick Pouliot also scored for Canada, which had only one Mattew Dumba goal from its back end in four previous tournament games.

The Finns promise to give Canada a similar test to the Swiss, with the accent on team play and defence. But Finland has some dangerous shooters led by ace playmaker Teuvo Teravainen.

"It's going to be an intense game and there's nothing more to it," said Lazar, who has scored in three straight games. "We're both trying to get into the final but we have to take it a step at a time and keep playing our Canadian brand of hockey.

"We played them in pre-competition, so we'll have to go over video and see if they've changed something up but the main thing is to focus on our own game. There's not much room for error so we have to bring our A-game."

Canada improved to 20-0-0 all-time against the Swiss.

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Leafs looking good as cameras disappear

Jonathan Bernier weathers a Red Wings offensive barrage during the Winter Classic in Ann Arbor, Mich., on Wednesday. PAUL SANCYA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Randy Carlyle could barely contain his relief after the Winter Classic.

The hype was gone along with the all-access HBO 24/7 cameras that followed the Toronto Maple Leafs everywhere for the past month.

"Finally, yeah," said the Leafs head coach. "It's been a long three weeks, that's for sure, with what's gone on with our hockey club and the way we've played, the inconsistencies that we've played to and the microscope that we've been under."

Hot between the pipes

Jonathan Bernier has stopped 181 of 190 shots since relieving James Reimer on Dec. 21. He's 3-0-2 in that time.

Carlyle and the Leafs are used to being under a microscope just by virtue of playing in Toronto. But an inside look at the stretch in which they lost seven of nine games turned up the pressure even higher.

"There are lot of things that are going on inside that are hard to deal with when you're always constantly under a camera or a microphone (is) under you," Carlyle said.

But after beating the Detroit Red Wings in a shootout in front of an NHL-record crowd of 105,491 freezing fans at Michigan Stadium, those trials and tribulations could feel like a distant memory. Led by goaltender Jonathan Bernier, the Leafs have won three games in a row and have added a little vitamin C to their game.

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4 SPORTS

5 ways the Raps can stay hot

These are heady times for the Raptors, who find themselves at .500 after 30 games of a season for the first time since 2010 — and are one of just four Eastern Conference teams at that level or better. Toronto leads the Atlantic Division, and the team is hotter than they've been in years. How did it happen? Is it sustainable? Where do they go from here? Here are five things to think about.

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Defined roles

Coach Dwane Casey struggled to find the right group of players who could consistently fill roles and produce. The roster never seemed set enough with a predictable rotation.

Now? With the arrival of a veteran package in the Gay trade, he has settled on a nine-man rotation — starters Kyle Lowry, DeMar DeRozan, Terrence Ross, Amir Johnson and Jonas Valanciunas, and backups Greivis Vasquez, John Salmons, Patrick Patterson and Tyler Hansbrough — that works particularly well.

Tough road ahead

While the Raptors have been one of the league's best road teams so far — one of only three Eastern Conference teams with a winning road record — they face significant road games in the next month that will be telling. There are away games against Miami and Indiana in the next week that will be difficult, but road dates at Washington, Boston, Charlotte and Philadelphia are arguably more important.

Those are teams that Toronto, in the minds of many, "should" win. So far in this hot streak, the Raptors have answered just about every challenge they've faced away from home.

True teamwork

There is no doubt that Rudy Gay is a talented NBA player, but this is a league of fit — and the fit just didn't work at the end of his Toronto tenure.

Without him in the lineup, the Raptors are more freely moving the ball, they are passing up good shots to get better ones, and the feeling of camaraderie on the court is palpable.

"No one's trying to do anything they can't do. Everything everyone's doing out there is what they know how to do.... I don't think anyone cares about roles, they just care about winning ..." said Lowry.

The kids are all right

The production from second-year players Valanciunas and Ross in this torrid streak cannot be understated.

Valanciunas has been rock steady defensively, not needing any help against some of the top centres in the East, and that has allowed his teammates to worry primarily about their men rather than having to help a youngster out. He is morphing into the kind of dominant big man that the team envisioned the day it drafted him.

Ross has been a revelation, showing Casey a more consistent effort in the past 2 1/2 weeks.

The closers

It's known as "winning time" — those crucial few minutes near the end of close games.

For the longest time, the Raptors seemed to do just enough to lose rather than just enough to win.

No more.

In nine of their last 12 games, they have outscored the opposition in the final quarter. Their ability to stay focused and execute down the stretch has been fascinating to watch; it's as if all the hard lessons in tough losses have been learned all at once.

NBA

Casey named coach of the month in the East

Toronto Raptors head coach Dwane Casey was named NBA Eastern Conference coach of the month Thursday.

Casey guided the Raptors to an 8-6 record in December, including road wins over the Dallas Mavericks and Oklahoma City Thunder.

The Raptors (15-15) posted six road victories last month and have won seven of their last nine games overall. Toronto visits the Washington Wizards on Friday night.

Jeff Hornacek of the Phoenix Suns was named Western Conference coach of the month.

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NBA

Cavs' Irving out with bruised knee

Kyrie Irving wanted to play in all 82 games this season. Now the Cleveland Cavaliers hope he will only miss one.

The All-Star point guard sat out for the first game of the season Thursday night, missing the Cavaliers' game against Orlando because of a bruised left knee.

Irving, averaging a team-leading 22.2 points, was injured Tuesday in a loss at Indiana. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
No matter how outrageous your ideas may seem to some, you must trust your instincts and follow up on them. Allow your inner voice to guide you and don't be surprised when it all works out perfectly.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
The planets will present a solution to a problem you thought was here to stay. You should know that everything worth knowing is revealed over time, so be patient.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It seems you have been talking at cross purposes with a loved one and that is why you have not been getting along. It is time to sit down and be honest with one another. Yes, of course you can be friends again.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Your mind is extraordinarily active at the moment and that's good, but make sure you write down any insights you have, otherwise you may forget them by the end of the day.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Do something creative today. The current cosmic climate makes it easy for you to give form to your ideas. It also makes it easy for you to impress important people.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Something that made no sense before will make perfect sense today. Most likely the thing itself has not changed but the way you look at it has. Next time, try listening to what friends try to tell you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Even if you are one of those rare Librans who prefers to keep thoughts private, you will have plenty to say today. The only danger is you may reveal too much valuable information.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
News you have been waiting for will arrive today and put an end to a worrying phase. Whether the news is good or bad is unimportant. What matters is that at last you know where you stand.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Whatever you decide over the next two or three days will have a major effect on your future, so think ahead and make sure you are embarking on a course that is right for you. Don't listen to others, listen to yourself.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Try not to live in the past or lament your mistakes, because what happens next will make up for what you appear to have lost. Resolve to always look forward and never look back.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You appear to believe that the whole wide world is against you. Stop the foolish imaginings and look on the bright side for a change. Life is what you choose to make of it.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Whatever your special talent is, put it to good use. If a chance arises in your work or career, grab it with both hands and don't worry that you may not be up to the task. You'll ace it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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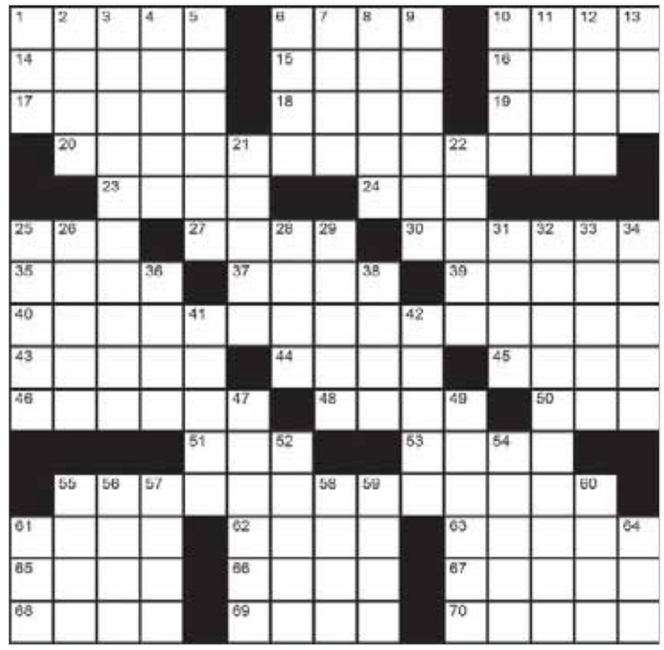

Across

1. Tug-__-__
6. Stars in movies
10. Serving need
14. Patriot Games (1992) producer, Robert __
15. Target hitter in a bar game
16. Lively
17. Canadian singer/songwriter Sarah
18. Wing-shaped
19. Wreck
20. Calgary Flames great in the Hockey Hall of Fame: 2 wds.
23. Chinook salmon
24. Tokyo, formerly
25. Little bark
27. 19th Greek alphabet letters
30. Manicurist's lacquer
35. Nike slogan, "Just __ __."
37. Parking place
39. School: French
40. Current award-winning novel by Canadian author Colin McAdam: 3 wds.
43. Cantaloupe, for one
44. Mork's greeting, partially
45. __ __ about
46. Introduces more to the mix: 2 wds.
48. Tapes shows (abbr.)
50. Belonging to Nashville's li'l state
51. Flooring choice
53. Flew the __ (Went away)
55. Lotto Max purchaser's dream: 2 wds.
61. Earring spot
62. Stead
63. "I'll take _ __ check."
65. Car rental company
66. Immature newts
67. Elaine __, Marilu Henner's Taxi character
68. Outperform
69. Escritoire
70. Stranded, as a castaway

Down

1. Hosp. sites
2. Tumbled
3. The Guess Who album: __ Soul
4. Love Is _ __-Splendored Thing (1955)
5. Milk curdling substance
6. Eve's beloved
7. Advanced math course, for short
8. 'T' of NAFTA
9. Walked confidently
10. Ms. Banks
11. Actor Mr. Julia
12. Desert's climate
13. Yearning
21. Bread-making ingredient
22. Musical group of nine
25. Commander __ (Lorne Greene's Battlestar Galactica role)
26. Cloaked
28. __ __ Smoke (1978) starring Cheech And Chong
29. To date: 2 wds.
31. Prefix to "bat" (Circus performer)
32. City which is Newfoundland's second largest after St. John's: 2 wds.
33. Musicdom's Sir John
34. Glassmaking ovens
36. New Mexico's artsy town
38. Song
41. Barbara Stanwyck movie, __ Pacific (1939)
42. Soap opera legend Susan
47. Used a hammer
49. "__ __ _!" (You're not the only one who is capable!)
52. Songbook standard: Mack the __
54. Gumbo ingredients
55. Created tapestries
56. Nile wader
57. Bird's bed
58. Becomes
59. 1979 Fleetwood Mac album
60. The __ Is High by Blondie
61. Research __
64. Agreement sign

Yesterday's Crossword

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

					2		7	4
2	1							
					4	6		3
4	6			8	3		5	
	8						9	
	9		2	7			6	8
9		7	3					
							1	5
8	2		5					

Yesterday's Sudoku

6	2	5	8	1	7	3	4	9
4	3	1	5	2	9	6	7	8
9	7	8	4	3	6	2	1	5
3	1	6	7	9	8	4	5	2
7	4	2	3	5	1	8	9	6
8	5	9	2	6	4	7	3	1
5	9	3	6	4	2	1	8	7
1	6	7	9	8	3	5	2	4
2	8	4	1	7	5	9	6	3

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